

# SEMINARIAN SUPPORTERS PROGRAM

The ministry and vocation of the priesthood all around the world is vital. With your help we can foster and support these leaders of tomorrow.

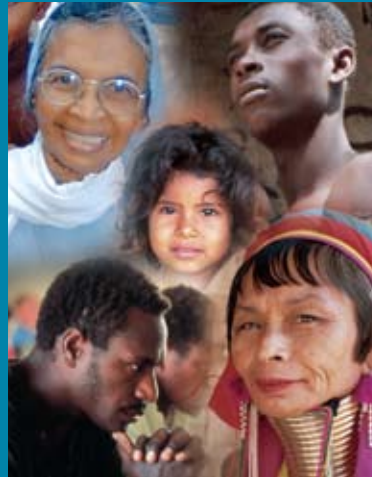
- YES! I would like to join the Seminarian Supporters Program now. Please contact me.
- I would like to consider becoming a Seminarian Supporter in the future and would like to be kept informed.

Please complete and send this form back to Catholic Mission. Reply Paid 9948, In Your Capital City.

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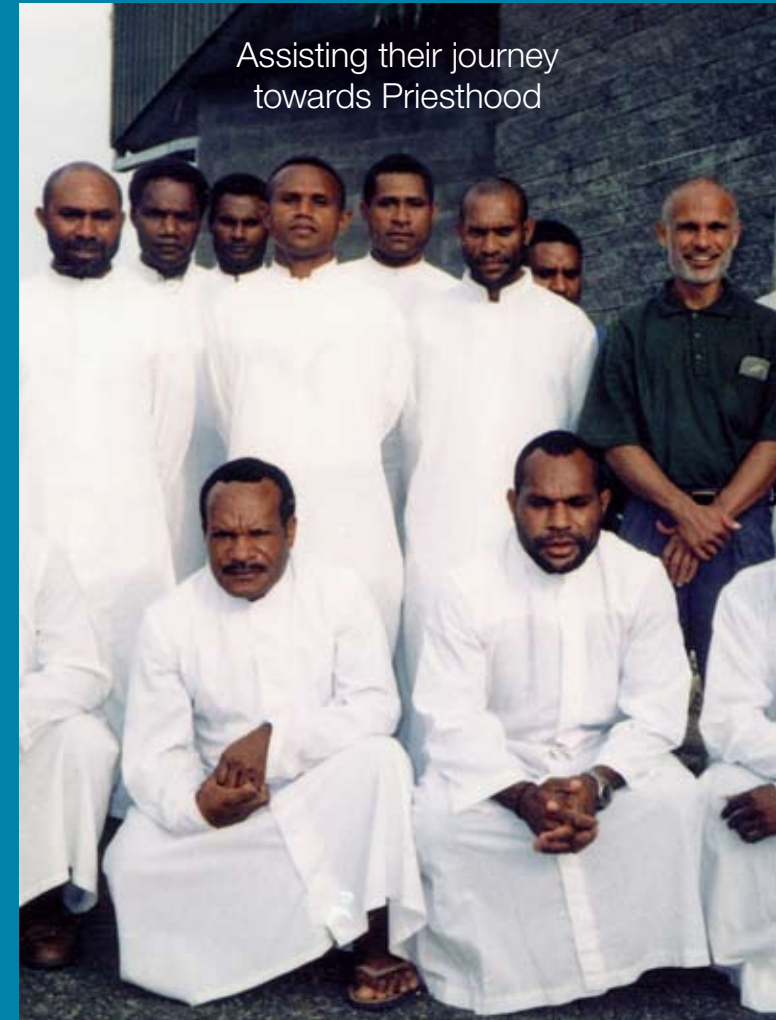
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    - Caring for Children
- Through educating and engaging Australians in global mission

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Assisting their journey towards Priesthood



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# VOCATION FOR LIFE

We all know the importance of Priests and the fundamental role they have in the Church. One of the works of Catholic Mission, the Church's global mission agency, is the fostering of local Church leadership, assisting the training of local priests, religious, lay leaders and catechists as servants for the people in developing countries.



The Seminarian Supporters Program is specifically aimed at helping meet the needs of seminarians and offset the running costs of seminaries.

Under this program Seminaries in the developing world receive a grant of \$1,500 per student per year. Compare this to the annual outlay in Australia where the cost of training a young man for the priesthood is approximately \$40,000.

In the developing world there is a vocation boom for priesthood. Young men are offering themselves for service of the Church as never before. Unfortunately, Bishops are turning away intelligent and qualified candidates because the seminary can not take them, often due to the lack of funding.

As a Seminarian Supporter (either an individual or a group) you generously pledge to give \$1,500 a year for three years. This practical contribution towards this important mission goes a long way in supporting a student through his final three years of study. The money is used to provide for various needs, including food, lodging and fees for theological studies.

The money does not go to the student but directly to the seminary as part of their seminary grant.

As a supporter you may choose to correspond with a seminarian. Letters, news of local parishes and photographs can be exchanged. Supporters and students pray for one another. For privacy reasons, direct contact details are not disclosed and any correspondence is channelled through the Catholic Mission office and the Rector of the Seminary.

Catholic Mission invites you to participate in this journey with a Seminarian and become a Seminarian Supporter. Your commitment of \$1,500 per year for three years is a very practical way in which you can participate in this crucial mission of the formation of our future church leaders.

**Left:** Vanimo Diocese the seminarians stop for a photo while doing some maintenance. **Below:** First year seminarian Peter Aihi from the Holy Spirit Major Seminary in Papua New Guinea



## SEMINARIAN PROFILE



### Clement Wanesuba

Clement Wanesuba was born in a remote village on Malaita, one of the Solomon Islands. As a young boy he watched his grandmother die without the sacraments she craved. Then he saw and felt the need of his people for the spiritual and pastoral care of a priest. This is one of his motivations to become a priest...to be able to care for his people as a priest and thus be present for someone's grandmother as she prepares for her last days of her life journey in the Solomon Islands. It has not been easy... the study, the financial burden, the needs of his family do not just go away. Clement perseveres and even with only a primary education he can boast that he has never failed one examination in the seminary.



### Tobias Kipoi

Tobias Kipoi is a seminarian from the diocese of Mount Hagen. As part of his formation to priesthood he is involved in a special catechetical outreach program to the children on the outskirts of Port Moresby. In this photograph he is explaining Jesus and the Holy Spirit to the children. The physical conditions and resources are very simple but it is the personal contact of people like Tobias with the children that seems to be most effective in sharing the Christian tradition and faith.